

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

December 22, 2021
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

IN RE: § **CHAPTER 7**
SONYA PORRETTO §
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CASE NO. 09-35324

**ORDER TRANSFERRING ADVERSARY PROCEEDING TO THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF TEXAS, GALVESTON DIVISION**

On December 7, 2021, this Court considered the *Motion to Dismiss Adversary Proceeding Complaint* [Doc. No. 16] and *Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint* [Doc. No. 27] filed by the Texas General Land Office and George P. Bush, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office (collectively, the "GLO"); the *Motion to Dismiss/Abstain* [Doc. No. 18] and the *Motion to Dismiss/Strike Second Amended Complaint or, Alternatively, to Abstain* [Doc. No. 28] (collectively with Doc Nos. 16, 18 and 27, the "Motions to Dismiss") filed by the Galveston Park Board of Trustees and the City of Galveston, Texas

(collectively with the GLO, the “Defendants”) and the responses related to the Motions to Dismiss [Doc. Nos. 23, 24, 35, and 47] filed by plaintiff Sonya Porretto (the “Plaintiff”); and the *Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint* [Doc. Nos. 38 and 39] (the “Motion for Leave”) filed by the Plaintiff and the objections to the Motion to Leave [Doc Nos. 42 and 44] filed by the Defendants. After due deliberation, and consideration of these motions, all documents filed in the record, objections/responses filed to the motions, related briefing, and the representations made on the record at the hearing and during this adversary proceeding, the Court, on its own motion, has determined that good cause and a sufficient basis exist to transfer this adversary proceeding to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Adversary Proceeding Number 21-03458 is hereby **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division (the “District Court”).
2. The *Emergency Motion for Protective Order and to Quash Subpoenas Directed to Certain Public Officials Filed by City of Galveston, and The City of Galveston Park Board of Trustees* [Doc. No. 41] was withdrawn without prejudice.
3. All other pending motions shall remain pending for decision by the District Court and the rights of the parties are hereby reserved.

Signed: December 21, 2021.



DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Agreed as to Form:

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